

South-Central *Build Wisconsin* Regional Workshop Small Group Record

Small Group _____# 9_____ (color)

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Top 10 responses to the question: “What can the State do to foster economic growth in your region?”

Priority response #1 (votes: 7)

Continue to support technical colleges/technical training

Priority response #2 (votes: _7)

Encourage partnerships - city to city govt.

Priority response #3 (votes: __4)

Fund/give greater support to economic development

Priority response #4 (votes: __4)

Reduce/streamline regulations to company growth

Priority response #5 (votes: __4_)

Rethink transportation in state for business development.

Priority response #6 (votes: __4)

Low cost, quality, accessible health care

Priority response #7 (votes: _3_)

More venture capital for start-ups

Priority response #8 (votes: _2)

Create tax structure enabling investment in people, equipment and technology

Priority response #89(votes: _2)

Develop state budget that doesn't scare people/businesses away

“Actions Necessary to Achieve our Ideas” Exercise

“If we want to accomplish this [priority issue #1], what does “the State” (as defined earlier) have to do now?”

Priority Issue #1 Continue to support technical colleges/technical training

- Fund grants, loans, scholarship for students
- Train K-12 guidance counselors
- Transfer (seamless) credit increase 2 + 2 + 2
- Be able to use property/ values to increase funding for technical schools
- Build on consortium models in Dane County Jobs with a Future :pre-employment training consortium (MAPs?)
- Build diversity sensitive programs
- Provide access of WTCS to state agency resources (e.g data)
- Increase access to apprenticeship program for skill areas
- Bring state funding for WTCS to 30% (??)
- Provide tax credits for worker training
- Identify barriers to employee to technical training

Priority Issue #2 Encourage partnerships - city to city govt.

- Sustain the collaboration begun with Smart Growth plans
- Change the incentives to reward collaboration vs. competition
- State develop vision/mission statement regarding partnerships
- Facilitate city/town investigations of joint services
- Provide region by region website/chat room
- Look at strategies that work – Rock CO ED Partnership, Dodge County
- Provide benchmark info on cost of providing services to cities and counties

Priority Issue #3 Fund/give greater support to economic development

- Give priority to economic development
- Give financial support to specific activities
- Develop methods to contact legislators regarding the needs
- Look at incentives to support economic growth